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PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY:
LEADERS AND ORGANIZATION

The Armed Forces of the CCP have been known by various names. In the days of the Kiangsi Soviet they were known as the "Red Army." During the war of resistance they were reorganized and renamed the Eighth Route Army and New Fourth Army. Since the war they have all been called the "People's Liberation Army."

In the system of organization, the People's Liberation Army is directly under the central Revolutionary Military Council of the CCP. Mao Tse-tung is chairman of this council with Chou En Lai and Chu Teh as vice-chairman. Chu Teh is also Commander of the People's Liberation Army, with P'eng Teh-huai as Deputy Commander, and T'eng Tai-yuan as Chief of Staff. These are the top military leaders of the CCF.

The political commissar system is still preserved, but now the military leaders hold the real power and the commissars no longer have the right of final decision. The Chief Political Commissar at People's Liberation Army headquarters is Jen Pi-shih, and his deputy is Li Fu-ch'un. In the general political section, the chief is T'an Cheng, the deputy Chang Chi-ch'un.

Responsible CCF field commanders, (including all the important CCF generals), are as follows:

1. Northeast Field (now known as Pei-p'ing -- T'ien-ching Front Headquarters) Commander -- Lin Piao
2. Shansi-Hopei-Chahar-Jehol Border Region (now known as Pei-p'ing Garrison Headquarters) Commander -- Nish Yung-shan
3. East China Field Commander -- Chen I
4. Central Plains Field Commander -- Liu Po-ch'eng

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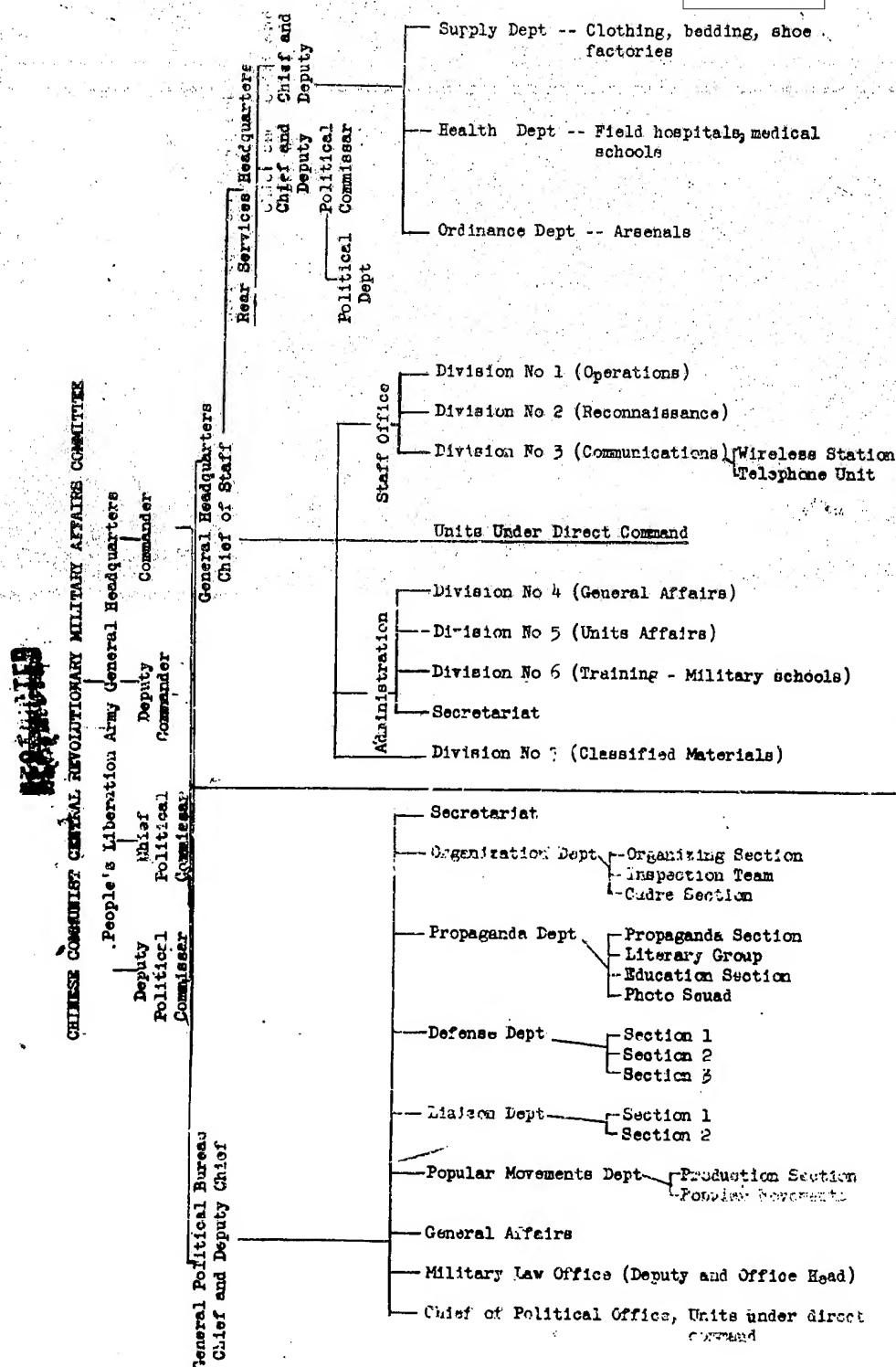
5. Shansi-Suiyuan District Commander -- Ho Lung
6. Southeast Shansi District Commander -- Hsu Hsiang-Ch'ien
7. Shen-kan Ming Border Region Commander (Concurrently Deputy Commander of the People's Liberation Army) -- P'eng Teh-huai

Details of the organization are shown in the following chart.

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